

Business Area #4:
Central Square

Boundaries: Sellers Street,
Massachusetts Avenue, Inman Street,
Bishop Allen Drive, Main Street, Windsor
Street, Massachusetts Avenue and
Landsdowne Street

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial
Concentration include: shops, offices,
restaurants between 200 and 830
Massachusetts Avenue, offices on Bishop
Allen Drive, restaurants on Green Street,
and establishments between 770 and 910
Main Street



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Despite marked declines in previous years, Central Square's business-related crimes rose as much as 73% in the 2nd Quarter of 2001. At 45 incidents, **larceny from buildings** climbed significantly from last year (yet not high enough to reach 1999's total of 66). Though few patterns were visible throughout the Quarter, most thefts occurred among the varied business establishments along Mass. Ave. (#512 to #820). Mainly wallets and cash left unattended on counters, in desks, or in health club lockers were targeted. • **Commercial robbery** experienced the largest drop (-67%) in the Central Square area, for 2001. A single incident transpired at a gasoline station, located on Mass Ave., back in March. An unknown suspect had reached over a counter to grab money from an open register, before being chased onto Landsdowne Street by employees. The suspect then jumped into a car that had been waiting for him, and proceeded to reach into his coat for what may have been a firearm. • **Commercial breaks** also saw a decline (-8%); most of these events occurred overnight, Friday through Monday. Activity began to heat up in the latter part of the 2nd Quarter, with April and May reporting 64% of Central Square's commercial breaks. • As for **flim flams**, only one took place in this district throughout the entire 2nd Quarter. At Broadway and Boardman Streets, in early April, a middle-aged couple convinced a 22-year-old to withdraw over \$1000 from an ATM, and add it toward the money they supposedly 'found' and were willing to share.

CRIME	2 nd Quarter 2000	2 nd Quarter 2001	%CHANGE
Larceny from Building	26	45	+73%
Larceny from Person	38	41	+8%
Commercial Burglary	12	11	-8%
Commercial Robbery	3	1	-67%
Shoplifting	24	39	+63%
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	28	31	+11%